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Necessary Acreage in Wheat Pool Almost Attained---Final Effort Needed

Actual Contracts Received in Calgary Still Short of Necessary Quota
Though Rising Daily

The first objective of the drive for membership in the Alberta Wheat Pool is now practically attained. While large numbers of signed contracts are arriving by every mail, the contracts already in hand at the Pool headquarters, together with others which have been reported from country points throughout the Province but have not as yet come through the mails, seem to give reasonable support to the belief that the total acreage effective is likely to be exceeded by a substantial margin. How large that margin will be it is as yet impossible to predict, but every day during the past week the mails have been more heavily loaded, and the Wheat Pool staff in the Lougheed Building, Calgary, working night and day, have been dealing with an increasingly onerous task, as the rate of delivery of contracts has been accelerated. The latest returns available as this issue goes to press will be found elsewhere in this issue.

ACREAGE REQUIRED

It was stipulated by the Alberta Wheat Pool Committee that the equivalent of at least 50 per cent. of the acreage sown to wheat in the Province in 1922 should be signed up in order to make the contracts binding. Last year 5,765,595 acres were sown, and the quota required under the contracts is therefore 2,882,798 acres. In the event of less than 50 per cent. of the acreage being signed up, it was provided that contract signers who wished to do so might withdraw from the Pool between September 8th and 22nd. The response of the farmers in the membership drive should make this optional clause non-effective.

Scenes of the greatest enthusiasm have been witnessed throughout the Province during the past two weeks. The farmers have indicated in an unmistakable way their determination to institute an efficient wheat marketing system. In the midst of the harvest season, when the pressure of work is at its height, many thousands of them have made real sacrifices of time and energy in order to assure the success of the drive. Members of the Alberta Legislature, who have directed the work in their various constituencies, have given magnificent service. Reports received by the Wheat Pool Trustees also indicate that the farmers have received in many scores of districts the enthusiastic support and help of the people of the urban centres.

FINANCE, ELEVATORS AND MANAGEMENT

While the drive for members has been in progress, the Trustees appointed by the Committee of Seventeen, have been actively devoting their attention to the problems of finance, of handling facilities, and of management. President Wood, as chairman of the Board of Trustees, L. Hutch-

MUST BE DELIVERED BY SEPTEMBER 5TH
To make the Pool contracts effective the contracts on hand at headquarters on September 5th must cover 50 per cent. of the wheat acreage for 1922. As this page goes to press, approximately 700,000 acres are required to give this necessary total, though later news, which will be found elsewhere in this issue, will undoubtedly considerably swell the present figures. All farmers who wish to see the Pool established, should therefore exert every effort to see that their contracts are delivered at once. It is not enough that they shall have been signed. They must be delivered and on record here. There is good reason to hope that the total acreage signed up will be much above the necessary minimum. But it would be unwise to take any chances. If you want the Pool, see that contracts are delivered at once.

inson, another member of the Board, are now in Winnipeg, where they will be joined, it is expected, by Hon. J. E. Brownlee. They are meeting the responsible officers of all the elevator companies doing business in Western Canada, and also representatives of the Canadian Bankers' Association. James Stewart, who was chairman of the Wheat Board of 1919, met the Alberta Pool Trustees in Calgary a week ago, at the request of President Wood, when his advice on various aspects of the handling problem was obtained. J. R. Murray, assistant general manager

of the United Grain Growers, has also on invitation attended one of the sessions of the Board.

MEMBERS IN CONFERENCE

Meetings of the members of the Provincial Legislature who have been taking part in the campaign were held in Calgary and Edmonton this week, when a comparison of the records at Pool headquarters with the number of contracts actually signed in the country, of which the members had definite knowledge, showed that there had been much delay in the delivery of the signed contracts, several members stating that not more than 25 per cent. of the contracts which they knew to have been signed from three to seven days previously, had been received in Calgary. Each member gave an individual report covering his district, and the estimates of the acreage which will be secured for the Pool ranged from 60 to 95 per cent. in these various districts. It was decided to impress upon all canvassers that contracts in their possession could not be forwarded to headquarters too soon.

The members of the Alberta Assembly attending the Calgary conference, for the purpose of meeting the Trustees, reporting on the work that had been done, and perfecting plans for the remainder of the campaign, were A. B. Claypool, Didsbury; N. S. Smith, Olds; Donald Cameron, Innisfail; J. C. Buckley, Gleichen; W. C. Smith, Redcliff; W. H. Shields, Macleod; O. L. McPherson, Little Bow; D. K. Galbraith, Nanton; G. A. Forster, Hand Hills; J. E. Brownlee, Ponoka; S. Brown, High River; A. Moore, Cochrane, and T. C. Milnes, Claresholm, all U. F. A. members, and W. M. Davidson (Independent) and Fred White (Labor) of Calgary. S. Lunn, of the Board of Trustees, was in the chair.

Speaking of farmers in various localities who had hesitated to sign the Wheat Pool contracts, Mr. Buckley said, that many of these were farmers who have never been compelled by stress of circumstances to co-operate with others; most of the others (and the two classes overlapped) were farmers who had not been active members of the U. F. A., and consequently knew nothing of practical co-operation. Others, who were antagonistic to the Pool for various reasons, were

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- 2nd, Mrs. H. S. Dickson, 10617 106th Street, City.
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- 1st, Mrs. Wm. Florence, 11824 79th Street, City.
- 2nd, Mrs. A. Drebert, 10336 80th Avenue, City.
- 3rd, Mrs. H. S. Dickson, 10617 106th Street, City.

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- 1st, Miss Agnes Florence, 11824 79th Street, City.
- 2nd, Miss Mabel Dickson, 10617 106th Street, City.
- 3rd, Miss Joan Williams, Box 942, North Edmonton.

Class 3201, Rolls by School Children—

- 1st, Miss Mabel Dickson, 10617 106th Street, City.
- 2nd, Miss Alice Langford, 10422 84th Avenue, Edmonton.
- 3rd, Miss Evelyn Ardell, General Delivery, Edmonton South.

It would appear that in making prize-winning bread a good deal depends on getting started right. It has been ascertained that everyone of the above exhibitors, as well as the twelve others who took lower prizes, without a single exception, used White Star Yeast Cakes in making the exhibits entered—the kind in the round box, six cakes in a box.



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EDITORIAL

773,704 ACRES NEEDED

On August 31st, as this issue goes to press, the contracts at Wheat Pool headquarters in Calgary show a total of 2,109,094 acres of land under contract to the Pool. Contracts for an additional 773,704 acres must be received before September 5th, in order that all contracts may become effective. It is therefore imperative that a maximum effort shall be made by every individual farmer and every individual canvasser during the next few days. If you have not yet signed, sign, and see that your contract is forwarded to Calgary at once. Be sure that your own and your neighbors' contracts have been mailed. Canvassers should see that all the contracts in their hands are recorded at Pool headquarters not later than the evening of Sept. 5th. In case of doubt phone M5265, Calgary, reversing the charges.

As this issue of "The U. F. A." goes to press the result of the drive for membership in the Wheat Pool is not definitely known. With five days still remaining, the acreage signed up has exceeded the 2,000,000 mark by a substantial margin, and it is anticipated that before September 5th, the necessary quota of 2,882,000 acres, representing, according to the official estimate, fifty per cent. of the wheat acreage of Alberta in 1922, will have been surpassed. Reports from the rural districts throughout the Province are to the effect that the utmost enthusiasm and eagerness to join the Pool have been shown, and it is the opinion of those who have taken the most active part in the campaign that the acreage already signed up is well in excess of the necessary fifty per cent. Only contracts actually delivered to the headquarters of the Pool in Calgary, however, are included in the official totals, and it is of the utmost importance that all contracts which may now be in the country, in the hands of workers in the campaign, should be sent in without delay.

The result of the Alberta drive will undoubtedly exert a profound influence in Saskatchewan, where the campaign for membership in the Pool of the sister Province commenced last week, and will be continued until September 12th. President Wood, Col. Robinson and L. Hutchinson, of the Board of Trustees of the Alberta Pool, are now in Winnipeg, in joint conference with their colleagues from Saskatchewan, with representatives of the elevator interests of Canada, and of the chartered banks. The greater the proportion of the wheat acreage signed up, the easier it will be to bring the Pool into successful operation. As was made clear by Mr. Sapiro, it is essential that the necessary acreage shall be assured, before the other details of organization, including

the appointment of an expert salesman, can be concluded.

When this issue reaches many of our readers, the results of the drive will be known, and the way will have been cleared for future action. Reports which have come to hand indicate that Alberta wheat growers have responded magnificently as the opportunity to take the initial step towards the development of an efficient marketing system has been placed before them. A very powerful impetus has been given to the co-operative consciousness of the farmers throughout the Province. If the spirit which has been manifested can be capitalized to the full, the future of co-operative enterprise by farmers in Alberta will be assured.

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An Edmonton daily newspaper which has gained the distinction of being the most virulent opponent of the organized farmers, and particularly of every effort of the farmers to solve the problem of co-operative marketing, has broadcast during the past few weeks upwards of fifty thousand copies of a propagandist supplement opposing the Wheat Pool. The newspaper in question has been in financial difficulties for years, but when an attack is to be made upon any project undertaken by the farmers in their own interest, never lacks funds to pay the necessary printing bill.

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During the last session of the House of Commons a small group of farmer, labor and independent members, nearly all of them from Alberta, made a valiant fight in the face of misrepresentation, and open and covert attack, to secure the postponement of the revision of the Canadian Bank Act for a period of twelve months, pending a thorough inquiry into the basis, function and control of financial credit.

They received little support from other members, though one or two men of independence in the old parties gave assistance. But the attitude taken by this small group of members did not increase their popularity with the majority in the House. Banking legislation had been sacrosanct. As men of long experience at Ottawa frankly admit in private, no previous attempt had been made by private members to scrutinize carefully the legislation under which banking in Canada is carried on, and the Canadian Bankers' Association and its agents had always in the past been able to steer the Bank Act through committee and through the House, the Act being in large measure the creature of this Association. It had become a tradition in Parliament that certain powerful interests must not be seriously challenged, that banking legislation in particular was a matter primarily for bankers.

The demand for postponement, and for a searching examination of the principles underlying the act and the basis of credit itself, was therefore not well received. The daily press of Canada, with a few notable exceptions, declined to take the efforts of these members seriously, or attacked the members, sometimes with abuse. Even the Canadian Press, the news service owned by the daily papers throughout the Dominion, failed to give the public a comprehensive, or even a reasonably intelligible account of the principal debates, and the average citizen, therefore, had no means at his disposal for the formation of a reasoned judgment on the evidence.

But no sooner had the Bank Act been carried than evidence began to accumulate in proof of the wisdom of the policy which this group of members had advocated. The position of one Canadian bank came to public notice almost before the result of the division in the House of Commons was known throughout Canada, and shortly afterwards the difficulties encountered by another became known. Then, within the past few weeks, the Home Bank suspended payment. That failure was impending had been known in bank-

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Energetic Sign-up Campaign for Wheat Pool Launched in Saskatchewan

Drive to Secure Contracts Opened Aug. 29th—Plan to Be Followed Similar in Essentials to That of Alberta
—Manitoba Takes Action to Obtain Benefits of Wheat Pool

(Special Correspondence)

REGINA, Sask., Aug. 29.—The campaign committee appointed after the Sapiro meeting in Regina has put an enormous amount of energy into the campaign since its appointment, and has accomplished an amount of work which would have been considered almost an impossibility if suggested beforehand. Laboring literally night and day and in face of a hostile press, they have accomplished, in a period of less than three weeks, the almost superhuman task of completely organizing an enormous territory and thus have made it possible for every farmer in the Province to have the opportunity to sign a contract and thus help to bring into being what will, if realized, be one of the greatest co-operative institutions in any part of the world.

Campaign Committee

The committee which had this matter in hand was composed as follows: A. J. McPhail, Central Secretary, Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association, chairman; Geo. F. Edwards, Vice-president S. G. G. A.; G. W. Robertson, S. G. G. A.; C. C. Stoliker, S. G. G. A.; W. M. Thrasher, Farmers' Union; L. C. Brouillette, Farmers' Union; R. J. Moffatt, unorganized farmers; and G. Garfield Wray, President of the Saskatchewan Retailers' Association. Mr. McPhail was appointed general manager of the campaign, which is being conducted from the central office of the S. G. G. A. at Regina.

The Province was divided into three districts, with supervisors over each and the campaign was organized on a municipal basis. A chairman was appointed for each Provincial constituency. Each constituency chairman appointed a committee for each municipality and the municipal committees in their turn appointed canvassers for each township. Hundreds of meetings have been held in all parts of the Province, the speakers including the Hon. Manning Doherty, former minister of agriculture in the Drury Government.

Fifty Per Cent. Essential

The contract is substantially the same as that of Alberta, but without the optional clause. Fifty per cent. of the crop area must therefore be signed up or the Pool cannot function at all. Today, August 29th, has been fixed as "Sign-up Day" and returns are already beginning to come in. Forty-four contracts, covering approximately 9,000 acres, have already been received. A total of 8,093 were signed up by one canvasser, A. R. Wilcox, of Stone, in the Maple Creek constituency. One hundred and eleven cars are at work in the Last Mountain constituency, and at Semans, not one farmer who has been approached has refused to sign.

The Provisional Board of Directors of the Pool, which has been incorporated under the name of the "Saskatchewan Co-operative Wheat Producers, Limited," is constituted as follows: L. C. Brouillette, R. J. Moffatt, Geo. Spence, W. M.

Starting ten days later than the Alberta sign-up campaign, the drive for membership in the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool is being carried on with the utmost vigor. Real success achieved in Alberta will undoubtedly provide a most powerful stimulus to the work in Saskatchewan. The greater the acreage in excess of 50 per cent. that may be signed up in Alberta, the more powerful will this stimulus be. Having this in view, Alberta canvassers will not rest on their laurels with the attainment of the first objective, but will press on for the maximum acreage obtainable in this Province. "The U.F.A." publishes on this page despatches from special correspondents in Regina and Winnipeg, describing the progress made in the two sister Provinces to the east.

Thrasher, G. W. Robertson, A. E. Wilson, J. A. Maharg, George Edwards, A. R. Reusch, G. G. Wray, A. J. McPhail, W. L. Noyes, R. H. Dundas, J. W. Mathewson, Thomas Moffitt and M. McLachlan. These will act for not more than three months, until the permanent board is elected by the members. The following members of the board comprise the executive: A. E. Wilson, President of the Saskatchewan Municipal Hail Association, President; A. J. McPhail, Central Secretary of the S. G. G. A., Vice-president; Geo. W. Robertson, M.L.A., secretary pro tem; L. C. Brouillette and R. S. Dundas.

Winnipeg Conference

The members of the executive left today for Winnipeg, where they will discuss some proposed changes in the Canada Grain Act with the Board of Grain Commissioners, and also interview the Canadian Bankers' Association and the North West Grain Dealers' Association with reference to financial arrangements and elevator facilities respectively. The sum of \$15,000 has been granted to the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association by the Saskatchewan Co-operative Elevator Company to meet the necessary organization expenses.

The memorandum of association provides for a capitalization of \$100,000, divided into shares of one dollar each, and also that the registered office of the company shall be located in Regina.

According to an estimate received from R. H. Milliken, chief organizer for the Saskatoon territory, 80 per cent. of the farmers in districts where the Wheat Pool plan has been fully explained are today signing the five-year contract, and it is anticipated that 70 per cent. will be in line by tonight.

Under the terms of the memorandum of association of the Saskatchewan Co-operative Wheat Producers, Ltd., power is given to the association to manufacture, buy and sell flour and other food products manufactured from cereals, and also to acquire or build elevators, warehouses, etc., and to hire or charter steamships or other vessels. It provides for the government and control of the company through elected delegates, and for the use of the post card ballot

in their election. Provision is also made for the recall of delegates, and for the taking of referenda of the shareholders.

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THE MANITOBA SITUATION

(Special Correspondence)

WINNIPEG, Man., Aug. 29.—The Manitoba Wheat Pool Committee met at Winnipeg today, representatives being present from the United Farmers of Manitoba, Farmers' Union, unorganized farmers, Retail Merchants' Association, United Grain Growers, Ltd., and the Manitoba Government. The meeting adjourned until tomorrow without making any announcement as to the result of its deliberations.

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The Wheat Pool, the Bulletin, and the U.F.A. Spirit

A very fine example of the spirit in which many of the volunteer workers in the drive for membership in the Wheat Pool have carried on their self-imposed task, is provided in the following letter from Mrs. M. E. Graham, secretary of the Riverton Local, received at the headquarters of the Pool a few days ago:

Riverton, August 23th.

Dear Sir:

Was unable to follow instructions re daily returns, but our mail is semi-weekly. I drove a 20-year-old horse (harness and buggy to match), and a trip to the post office meant ten miles extra. Still, I think I have broken the record, not in acreage signed up, but in the fact that I drove 28 miles one day and opened 27 Alberta brand gates. Does the Edmonton Bulletin think the Alberta farmer is lacking in intelligence?

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) M. E. GRAHAM,
Sec'y, Riverton.

Mrs. Graham's letter was not written with a view to publication, but at the request of "The U. F. A." it was placed at our disposal, and we have taken the liberty of using it.

C. P. R. LANDS CONTRACTS

C. P. R. contract holders in all parts of the Province, who have been invited to sign contracts with the company, agreeing to the 34-year amortization plan, are strongly advised in their own interest to communicate with W. D. Trego, secretary of the C. P. R. Contract Holders' Immigration Association, before taking any action whatever. Mr. Trego's address is 3830 7A Street, Calgary. Readers whose neighbors are holders of C. P. R. land contracts are advised to make this information known as widely as possible, in order that the interests of all contract holders may be adequately protected.

North Dakota Wheat Growers Extend Congratulations

Americans Have Looked With Anxiety to Canada—Wheat Pool Sentiment in U.S. Gains Strength—No Hope in Fixed Price

The Wheat Pool project originally launched by the U.F.A. and now definitely organized and preparing to operate has roused great interest in the United States, according to a letter received by H. Higginbotham, Provincial Secretary, from Mandus E. Bridston, Director of the News Bureau of the North Dakota Wheat Growers' Association.

"We wish to extend our congratulations," he says. "American wheat poolers have looked with hope and even anxiety toward Canada, and it is with a feeling of relief that we learned that wheat producers in our neighboring country have taken a definite stand in behalf of orderly marketing.

"We find the sentiment for wheat pooling is gaining ground in this country in a marked degree, and the businessmen are taking an active part in our present drive to gain control of the 1923 crop.

"Let us know what you are doing in Canada. If there is anything we can do to give you a lift, don't hesitate to call on us."

While Mr. Bridston's letter does not give details it is made clear in a circular letter by G. E. Duis, President of the North Dakota Wheat Growers' Association that the wheat pooling project is now well under way in North Dakota.

Letter to Bankers

"The North Dakota Wheat Growers' Association is interested in a Government fixed price about which there is now a great deal of propaganda," states Mr. Duis in his letter, addressed to the Banks of N. Dakota. "We feel that this is holding out a false hope to farmers. It is very doubtful if it will be possible to secure a special session of Congress for that purpose, and if Congress should meet it would be many months before this question would be finally solved, and in the end interests that are not friendly will fix the price. At best there will be no likelihood that any price fixing will materially affect the 1923 crop. I believe in squarely facing the issue, regardless of what may be said or done.

"The North Dakota Wheat Growers' Association now has twelve thousand members. A number of bankers and businessmen have helped us secure this large membership. Another twelve thousand would put us in a position where we could control the wheat crop of North Dakota. We are raising a special grade of high gluten wheat. It is raised in a comparatively small territory. When we control the wheat in that territory we will have something to say as to what the price shall be on same. You are vitally interested in this price and particularly in the 1923 price. Our Association is in a position to render immediate service. We have completed arrangements with the Intermediate Credit Bank and will have ample finances to handle our wheat.

"Our association is the only one that is now in position to render a real service to the farmers of North Dakota, first by obtaining control and second by demanding a fair price before disposing of our wheat. Every farmer who puts his wheat in the pool will get his 70% advance and later on if there is an improvement in prices he will share in the higher prices. We want your earnest co-operation.

tion in aiding us in securing this control, so that it can be put in operation for the 1923 crop.

"Again, if there should be a Government price fixed later on, the farmer will have an opportunity to share somewhat in that price through our Association, but if he disposes of his wheat immediately after threshing his chances are gone. We have had some very urgent letters from bankers asking us to put on an intensive control campaign."

Home Bank Suspends Payment

Independent Inquiry Demanded by Depositors—Bank of Hamilton Absorbed by Commerce, and Other Mergers Pending

On August 18th it was announced from the head office of the Home Bank in Toronto that, owing to the serious impairment of the assets of the bank caused by losses sustained in a number of large loans and investments, it had been deemed advisable that the institution should suspend payment. The announcement was made following a meeting of the board of directors, at which A. Calvert, recently appointed assistant general manager, presented a report which, it was stated, showed that immediate liquid assets of the bank had been practically depleted. Negotiations with other banks for the absorption of the Home Bank had proved futile.

Curator Appointed

A. D. Barker, manager of the Toronto clearing house, was appointed curator for the bank, the appointment being confirmed by Mr. Justice Fisher, a local judge in bankruptcy. It was later stated in despatches that the Federal cabinet would await the report of the curator who is conducting an investigation, before taking action. Three prominent Canadian bankers, Clarence A. Bogert, general manager of the Dominion Bank; A. E. Phipps, general manager of the Imperial Bank of Canada; and H. F. V. Jones, assistant general manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, have been appointed by the Canadian Bankers' Association to act as an advisory committee with the curator. T. L. Church, M.P. for Toronto, has demanded an investigation into the affairs of the bank independent of the curator.

Demand Independent Inquiry

The situation was discussed with considerable heat at a meeting of depositors of the Home Bank on Aug. 24th, in Toronto, when Dr. J. A. Williams, supporting a motion demanding the appointment of a depositors' representative to work with the curator, declared, "The time is arriving in Canada when people are losing confidence in many institutions. The 'whisper of death' has come out of Montreal and many people are thinking." The meeting adopted the motion, demanding "the immediate appointment of a man thoroughly qualified and independent of the Canadian Bankers' Association, to investigate the affairs of the bank in collaboration with the curator." The meeting adjourned any liquidation proceed-

ings being taken until after the curator's report should have been received.

The curator will issue a statement, it is reported, on September 6th, disclosing the financial condition of the institution and the extent of the recovery likely to be realized by the depositors. L. R. Weldon of Lindsay, who was elected secretary and solicitor for the depositors, has expressed the opinion that "the depositors will not receive their deposits in full, yet the matter is not a total loss."

Commerce Absorbs Bank of Hamilton

On August 28th it was announced that the Federal Government had consented to the absorption of the Bank of Hamilton by the Canadian Bank of Commerce. Hon. W. S. Fielding, minister of finance, stated that the Bank of Hamilton was solvent, and that its paid-up capital was unimpaired, and its reserve had been almost equal to the capital. It had suffered certain losses which caused some anxiety.

Sir John Aird, general manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, predicted, on August 28th, that further bank amalgamations would take place. A despatch from Montreal stated: "The taking over of the Bank of Hamilton had been expected here for a week, and its announcement has revived the declaration in many quarters that the banks were content to let the small Home Bank go into default in order to prepare public sentiment favorably for the mergers among other banks more profitably situated."

W. C. GOOD, M.P., AT EDGERTON

Principles and practice of co-operation were the subjects of a most interesting address by W. C. Good, B.A., M.P., at a public meeting held under the auspices of the Edgerton Co-operative Association Ltd., in the Co-operative Assembly Rooms on Monday evening, August 13th. Mr. Good is the U. F. O. member for Brantford in the Federal House of Commons, where he is recognized as an economist of very great ability and one of the most progressive members of the House. In the course of his address he dwelt upon the advantages of co-operation, as a means of obtaining better marketing facilities for the producers, who as individuals are not in a position to market their products to the best advantage, and he also pointed out that in industry co-operation provided an effective means for the uplifting of the workers. Speaking of the consumers' co-operative movement, Mr. Good discussed the savings which could be effected in the small towns if the business of the surrounding districts should be done by one large central store owned and controlled by the people.

An interesting address by H. E. Spencer, U. F. A. member for Battle River Constituency, was given. Mr. Spencer's resume of the work of the Canadian Parliament during the session of 1923 was very much appreciated.

The meeting was largely attended and a hearty vote of thanks to both speakers was carried on motion of Mr. Boyd and Mr. Woodruff.

VANCOUVER A TERMINAL

A letter has been received from the Board of Grain Commissioners calling attention to the order-in-council passed by the Federal Government declaring the city of Vancouver to be a terminal. The proclamation was issued in accordance with the provisions of the Canada Grain Act.

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Information for Officers and Members.

STETTLER CONVENES NOV. 15TH

The annual convention of the Stettler U. F. A. Provincial Constituency Association will be held at Stettler on November 15th, according to announcement received from E. A. Hanson, secretary.

OLDS CONVENTION

The 1923 annual convention of the Olds U. F. A. Provincial Political Association was held at Mayton on August 1st. The attendance was not as large as expected, due to the busy season, bad roads, etc., but considerable business was transacted.

The financial statement showed a deficit of \$34.50.

N. S. Smith, M.L.A., was the principal speaker. He gave a resume of the legislation passed at the last session of the Provincial Legislature.

The convention unanimously endorsed a resolution calling for a wheat pool for 1923, and that same be put in operation as speedily as possible. The matter of automobile licenses was brought up for discussion by L. McComb, Huxley, who thought licenses ought to be issued half yearly instead of yearly, as the present system entailed a hardship on persons using cars only a few months in the year. The above matter had the full support of the meeting and Mr. Smith promised to bring same to the attention of the Government.

Officers were elected as follows: President, Joseph Stauffer, Olds; directors: W. R. Cross; Mr. Esperson, Olds; O. Kneival, Trochu; E. Bigelow, Wimborne; D. J. Hibbs, Huxley; J. B. McLaren, Bowden; H. D. Black; H. F. Robinson, Red Lodge. E. W. Meers was re-appointed secretary-treasurer.

CO-OPERATIVE MARKETING AT ST. PAUL

"The St. Paul Livestock Shipping Association, which was organized last fall and has been selling through the United Grain Growers at Edmonton, has proved of very great benefit to the farmers of the district," states Gilbert La Rue, secretary of the St. Paul Local, in an article submitted to "The U. F. A." "The big packing companies have kept buyers here throughout the winter with the ostensible object of buying hogs and cattle legitimately and for profit, but in reality to put the U. F. A. Livestock Association out of business. This they partly succeeded in doing. They paid higher than the Edmonton market in some cases. It took Mr. W. J. Elliott of the U. G. G. of Calgary, at a largely attended meeting here recently, to show up the plans of these buyers.

"It was strange," he declared, "that higher prices than Edmonton market are paid only where there were U.F.A. Shipping Associations. The object of these buyers," he stated, "was to induce the farmers not to sell co-operatively."

In the course of his address Mr. Elliott described the creation of the U. G. G. by the U. F. A. and U. F. M. and stated that with its 36,000 shareholders it was decidedly the farmer in business. Mr. Elliott mentioned in an incidental way the case of five cars which had been

DEFICIT FUND

Contributions to the 1921 Deficit Fund received since the last issue of "The U. F. A." are acknowledged below:
Previously acknowledged \$1,993.55
Blind Man's Valley No. 76... 5.00
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shipped on the main line of the C.N.R. by five farmers to Winnipeg, costing them \$40 each. The same shipments, he claimed, could have been made through the farmers' company for \$40 in all.

Mr. LaRue concludes: "A district association will be formed at St. Paul and a man appointed to look after the interests of the U. F. A. and it is felt there will be no doubt at all of the success of the venture."

HAND HILLS CONVENTION

While the attendance at the annual convention of the Hand Hills U. F. A. Constituency Association held on July 26th at Hanna, was not very large owing to the early harvest and bad roads, members present followed with great interest the address by G. A. Forster, M.L.A., on the work of the Legislature. Mr. Forster described in detail what had been accomplished and what elected members were seeking to achieve through the Provincial Assembly.

P. W. Billwiller, of Richdale, was elected president of the Association for the coming year, and J. Sutherland, of Hanna, vice-president.

Directors were elected as follows: Div. 1, Mrs. L. E. Helmer, Pandora; Div. 2, Mr. Smithenry, Sunnynook; Div. 3, Mrs. Banner, Watts; Div. 4, Mr. W. R. Sharpe, Munson. Mrs. L. E. Helmer was re-elected secretary-treasurer.

PEACE RIVER CONVENTION

Reduction of freight rates on Edmonton, Dunvegan and British Columbia Railway, which are now 25 per cent. higher than prairie levels, was demanded in a resolution adopted unanimously at the annual convention of the Peace River U. F. A. Constituency Association held at Spirit River on August 10th. Other important resolutions dealt with concerned the western railway outlet for Peace River district, the wheat pooling system as advocated by Aaron Sapiro, and other important matters.

The convention, unanimously and with much enthusiasm, passed a vote of confidence in D. M. Kennedy, U. F. A. member in the House of Commons for West Edmonton, and also carried a vote of confidence in Hon. Herbert Greenfield. A resolution on this subject stated that the efforts of certain daily papers in the matter of the Wheat Pool had in no way weakened the confidence of the convention in Mr. Greenfield or his Government.

The presiding officer at the convention was W. F. Bredin, the president of

the Association. Locals from Grande Prairie, Spirit River and North side districts were represented by delegates.

D. M. Kennedy gave a splendid address to the convention on the activities of the Peace River country and advocated a railroad to the Pacific Coast, and his address gave the members new hope of this object being accomplished.

The following resolution on railroad contracts was adopted unanimously:

"Resolved, it is evident that unless immediate relief is given to the people of the Peace River districts, in the form of a West Coast outlet, thereby giving us a market for our products without having to pay the present prohibitive freight rates and also giving the same relief on goods we buy and,

"Whereas it will only be a question of a short time until many of the settlers will have to leave their farms, and thus the many years of hard toil, and the money spent to build up our homes, will go to waste and ruin, since present conditions as to transportation will not permit of the people continuing farm operations any longer.

"Therefore, be it resolved, that this Peace River Provincial Political Association of the U. F. A. and U. F. W. A., in annual convention assembled on this 10th day of August, 1923, approve of the construction of a line of railway from Grande Prairie to the Canadian National Railway near the entrance to the Rocky Mountains. We hereby affirm the joint resolution endorsed by this organization in March, 1921, and in February, 1922, on the understanding, however, that this position will not be construed to the prejudice of any other project for immediate coast construction that might be advanced."

OF BENEFIT TO LOCAL

"The recent visit of Hon. W. V. Smith, Provincial member, Mr. Lucas, our Federal member, and Mr. H. E. G. H. Scholefield, vice-president of the U. F. A., was splendid and will do good for our Local," states Frank Olson, secretary of the New Norway Local in a letter received recently. Mr. Olson states that the Local is making slow but steady progress and that all members have been busy canvassing for the Wheat Pool.

"ROSEBANK" ORGANIZES

A new Local was recently organized at a meeting in the Rosebank School in the Stettler Provincial Constituency by R. O. German, Director of the Red Deer district. The Local adopted the name of "Rosebank." H. Victor Green of Halkirk was elected president, and Mary E. Rammer of Halkirk, secretary.

SEED GRAIN RATES

Special rates on rye for seeding purposes only were reinstated by the Canadian Pacific Railway on August 20th, and will expire on October 15th, according to information received from A. T. McKean, divisional freight agent, Calgary.

ENDORSE FARMER MEMBERS

Douglas Local recently decided to appoint a committee to study resolutions and to consider the proposed revision of the Constitution. Addresses from Councillors John Sanford and B. Moneypenny, on municipal expenditures, were heard

with keen interest, and approval was expressed by resolution.

At an earlier meeting the report of D. W. Warner, M.P., on the stand taken by himself and other Farmer members on the Budget, was read, and a resolution carried thanking Mr. Warner and endorsing the attitude of the Farmer members.

FORECLOSURE SALES

Members of the Rolling Green Local pledged themselves, by a resolution passed at a recent meeting, to refrain from buying any land or goods at a foreclosure sale, or to assist such sale in any way, unless in cases where assignment is made voluntarily.

EDITORIAL

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ing circles for at least two months. Apparently conclusive evidence of this has now appeared in the public press. Yet in the face of this situation, and of the circumstance that the Government itself could scarcely fail to be in possession of similar knowledge, events were allowed to take their course, no action being taken for the protection of depositors.

It has been stated that the merger of the Bank of Hamilton with the Canadian Bank of Commerce was held off, in order that the failure of the Home Bank might be cited in support of the general tendency to amalgamation. Whether this be true, it might be difficult to ascertain. What is beyond question is the tendency of financial power to become concentrated, and such crises as Canada has been experiencing all turn in the long run to the advantage of the most powerful financial groups.

Though the decennial revision of the Bank Act was completed last session, Parliament is entitled at any time to bring this legislation under review. The work of the committee of inquiry into the basis of financial credit was not completed when the House rose. It should be continued. The events of the past few months in the banking world demonstrate the necessity for the most searching examination of the bases of the financial structure.

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When at the last session of Parliament, the group of members previously referred to sought to obtain a thorough inquiry into the case of the Merchants Bank, they met with little support. Today even the Financial Times declares that a "searching bank probe" is "the only means to restore the confidence of the people." The Minister of Finance, this paper declares, "is faced with the necessity for holding a searching investigation into the causes and circumstances surrounding the crash of the Home Bank, and to follow this up with a prosecution in charge of the ablest counsel in the country." Incidentally, the Financial Times declares that "the collapse of the Merchants Bank was probably the most mischievous incident in the history of Canadian banking, and the responsibility for that collapse lies mainly at the door of the Federal department."

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The Washington treaty, providing for the scrapping of such naval armaments as are now becoming obsolete, has been ratified by the powers concerned, and the scrapping process has begun. Meanwhile, rapid progress is being made in

military aviation and aerial bombing, in the science of submarine construction and knowledge of highly efficient forms of poison gas. It is being discovered that poisoning is a more humane method of warfare than killing by high explosive shells, the powers which have discovered the superior humanity of gassing being well to the fore in the development of this new art. It will be gratifying to those who may participate in the next war to know that it will be humanely fought.

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Reference was made in a recent editorial note to the fact that certain universities which had been invited to send witnesses to give evidence before one of the Parliamentary committees last session, had failed to respond, and it was stated that a professor of a Toronto university who did give evidence, felt it necessary to give it in private. From one of the Alberta members of the House we have since received information on this matter, which necessitates a correction. The committee which invited these particular universities to give evidence was not, as stated, the committee inquiring into the basis of financial credit, but the Special Committee on Agricultural Conditions. A professor of economics who gave evidence, stated that it would not be the part of wisdom for him to answer one of the questions put to him, in public. It was answered in private. At the close of the day's examination Mr. McMaster, the chairman, in thanking the witness for help given to the committee, said, "We hope that the time will come in Canada when college professors will be able to speak fearlessly their full mind, without the slightest dread of being called to account by any one whatsoever," while Mr. Caldwell, another member of the committee, added, "It is a bad commentary on our political life in Canada when any public official feels reluctant to tell everything he knows."

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The new Italian electoral law provides that the party securing the largest number of votes in an election, even though it may be one of a dozen competing organizations, and its vote may amount to only one-tenth of all the votes cast, shall be given two-thirds of the seats in the House of Representatives. We suppose this might legitimately be described as "group domination."

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Some newspapers which have been hiding the facts from the public for several years, now complain that the public is slow to realize the actualities of the situation in Europe.

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A nation-wide drive to create sentiment in favor of a higher customs tariff will be launched by the Canadian Manufacturers' Association. They propose to assist the primary industry of Canada by increasing the price of the tools of production and the necessities of life of the primary producers.

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Whether the U. F. A. shall remain a permanent force in the life of Alberta, growing in influence and permeating the life of the whole community, or shall fail and be superseded, will depend in large measure upon the preservation of a quality sometimes, perhaps not quite accurately described as "idealism," which has inspired the greatest work of this organization in the past. That quality

was largely responsible for the political successes of 1921. It has inspired much of the work of elected members, and combined with ability of a kind not very common in legislative bodies, has won the admiration of men of goodwill in all classes. The U. F. A. has been the expression of a social philosophy, and its aim is the creation of a co-operative civilization. The task of realizing this ideal is a practical task. But if ever the "idealism" of the movement is allowed to be obscured, permanent good cannot be achieved even in the sphere of purely practical things. The U. F. A. does not exist essentially as a channel for the gratification of any personal ambition. The members and officers who have rendered the greatest service are those to whom personal considerations have been secondary, and the well-being of the movement the dominant motive. Such members, when they are recognized, are trusted.

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"It is time to let the dreams of benevolence rest until the demands of justice have been satisfied. Peace-resolutions and appeals to brotherly love, besides being ineffectual, may be positively harmful if they satisfy the pacific inclination in minds that ought to be focussed on concrete questions of right and wrong. War follows as a natural sequence upon causes arising out of the processes of production, trading and financing, and peace plans which fail to show how these processes may be carried on amicably, are not worth the paper they are printed on. The platitudes which are the chief stock-in-trade of peace societies are likely to produce a false security, destined to be shattered as a result of the disintegrating effect of misdirected economic rivalry."—The Freeman, New York.

Prayer and Mr Peterson

In the introduction to a signed article in a recent issue of the Farm and Ranch Review, Mr. Peterson says:

"I have on several occasions studied a keen desire to criticise many of the statements and actions of President Wood of the U. F. A. Personally, I like Mr. Wood. I think that he is honest in his convictions, which is a trait I cannot help admiring in the character of any man. But even his best friends would not attribute to him any keen business sense and it has come to the point when confused thinking on his part on the economic issues of the day is beginning to constitute a serious menace to the farmers, not alone of Alberta, but of the entire West, because Mr. Wood's influence now goes far beyond the boundaries of his own Province. For the past couple of years, I have pointed out in these columns, time and again, that we were approaching a crisis in connection with wheat production in the three Prairie Provinces. I have urged our readers to drop all their futile political and uplift propaganda and focus attention on the main economic problem that would sooner or later face us all, in the over-production of wheat and the consequent demoralization of the market. The crisis is now upon us. Unless a miracle happens—and I pray fervently that it may—this crisis will unfold itself during the present year."

Thus Mr. Wood is tabulated as an "honest" man, with no "keen business sense", a "confused" thinker, and "a serious menace to the farmers." But Mr. Peterson likes him. With Mr. Wood thus comfortably and easily disposed with, Mr. Peterson with ease and grace assumes the role of leader and saviour of the farmers, and issues an edict that everything is to be wiped off their slate ex-

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The U.F.W.A. and Junior Branch

THE CITIZEN OF THE FUTURE

To train for citizenship; to train for leadership; to follow an educational, vocational, economic and social program; and to enrich the social life of the community so that the young people may learn to serve their homes, their communities and the nation more effectively—this is the extensive program which the Junior Branch of the U. F. A. has mapped out. For these objects already over one hundred and twenty communities have mobilized their young people. They are being taught to play together, work together and study together in order that in later years they may build the social structure of their lives on the principle of the "greatest good to the greatest number."

Training Future Leadership

One of the most outstanding advantages so far gained is the utilization of each community's talent for the training of future leadership. One Junior Local is under the guidance of a nurse of wide experience and special training who has had much opportunity for association with young people. Another Local is receiving regular instruction from a trained singer. Several communities are securing the services of physical training experts, both men and women, who have chanced to make their homes in the district. In one case a family of young people who have travelled widely are sharing their experience with farm boys and girls whose knowledge of the world outside is limited to a meagre supply of reading matter. A certain teacher whose field of endeavor lies in the out-of-the-way corners of the Province has the vision to realize that her charges need to be made conscious of their connection with the rest of the Province and has formed Junior U. F. A.'s in each isolated district where she has taught. Many districts where there is apparently no outstanding talent are welding together the several smaller talents in such a way that each person's particular training or opportunity is shared by every other person.

Juniors Alert

However difficult it may be to convince the seniors of the benefits of organization, the juniors seem to be already sold to the idea. At their business session at the University in June, they resolved that the senior organization be asked to lend assistance in launching a publicity campaign, and that all directors of the U. F. A. and U. F. W. A. keep the Junior Branch in mind in organization work. The Junior Section also requested by resolution that each District Association appoint a committee on junior work.

There are twelve junior directors, with three executive committee-men appointed from their number to act with the president and vice-president as the official representatives of the Junior U. F. A. All the Junior officers and directors, as well as many other farm young people in the Province, are full of enthusiasm and determined to make the Junior U. F. A. of permanent value.

Learning to "Pull Together"

To recite the activities of the Junior Locals would give a limited impression of the training which this organization for farm young people provides. A picnic

The U.F.A. Juniors are the Seniors of the future. By them the work of the organization must be carried on in days to come—and already many of the most active and efficient members of the organization are men and women who have grown up in the U.F.A. movement. Miss Kidd, in this issue calls attention to the importance of the work of the Juniors, and calls upon all Senior members to assist in the development of this branch of the Association.

or a dance may seem to indicate merely a social good time; but in reality by these simple pleasures our farm boys and girls are developing in the future farm community realization of the need of organized fun, an experience that has often been sadly lacking in farming communities. The time has passed when the tiller of the soil was considered a "dull boy," as a result of the "all work and no play" life that circumstances seemed to force upon him. A Junior Local debate is something more than a stumbling amateurish attempt at self-expression; it is the training of future farmers in that prime necessity of knowing what they want and how to get it. A baseball game between two Junior Locals means something more than an afternoon's sport; it means that the participants and their supporters are learning to pull together at play, a lesson that will be of service when the time comes to pull together in the sterner game of life.

There can be no disputing the fact that our highest duty is to make it possible for the coming generation to render better service to its age than we have done. The Junior U. F. A. is the medium for the accomplishment of this purpose. But it is the duty of every senior member to see that the Junior Local is given the opportunity to accomplish its highest aim.

J. B. KIDD,
Junior Branch Secretary.

JUNIOR CAMPS

Camping expeditions during the summer months are very popular among the U.F.A. Juniors. The camping trip of the Roydale Juniors has been historically recorded through the efforts of the editor-in-chief of "Le Vagabond Clarion," who opens Issue One, Volume One as follows: "Amid thunderous cheers, a hardy band of pioneers, travelling under the name of the Roydale Junior U.F.A., set out for the shores of an unknown and uncharted lake in the wilderness far to the north. The first contingent arrived without mishap at the Wayside Farm, the appointed rendezvous, where it was joined by other bands of explorers. After lunch the enlarged band set out on the long, arduous trip into the wilds. The country beyond Wayside Farm becomes continually wilder and after penetrating some distance into the wilderness the company came to a halt at the Crawshaw home, one of the outposts of civilization. Thereafter the timber became continually more dense and travelling more difficult. However, Fort Cone, a relic of the Indian wars, now in ruin, was passed in safety. After some distance over unexplored territory had been travelled, a party of scouts was sent out and

returned with the report that a very suitable camping site was near at hand."

Each issue of the paper records faithfully the details of the camp, including the election of camp officers, the enforcement of the law, the sporting news and the "charting and mapping" done by exploring parties.

Dalemead Local also plans yearly camping expeditions, one week being set aside for the girls' camp and one week for the boys'. The squad plan, as used at University Week, has been successfully adopted. Indeed, Prof. Ottewell of the Department of Extension, remarks that he frequently finds ideas gleaned from University Week put into operation in these summer camping trips.

ANNIVERSARY SPORTS DAY

Sunset Valley Junior Local has been organized just one year. They started with a membership of ten and now number forty-seven. The Junior Local arranged the first Sports Day the community had enjoyed. The program commenced with the Junior Yell, given with much enthusiasm and vim by the members of the Local. Mr. A. H. Tharle, one of the supervisors of the Local, gave a short address on the growth of the Local during the year. After the program of races, jumping, and base ball, the ladies of the community served a picnic lunch.

PROCURING A SPORTING EQUIPMENT

Basket-ball, baseball and tennis outfit are coveted by all Junior Locals, and almost every Local reports that these have been procured by various means. A new Local at South Last Lake in Township 82, probably one of the most northerly settlements of the Province, have canvassed housekeepers of the country, including bachelors, for Baking Powder coupons, which will be used to get a basket-ball and baseball outfit.

Rumsey Junior U.F.A. Baseball Team has challenged all the teams in the surrounding districts and has had a successful season.

TRAINING FOR LEADERSHIP.

"The farmers' movement will never reach its full success until we have a large body of trained leaders. These leaders must be trained while still young; they must imbibe with their growth the great principles for which we stand. Those who have grown to maturity in the fixed habits of a narrow individualism cannot be expected to throw themselves with any ardor into a movement which is the very antithesis of individualism—a movement which requires unselfishness and a wide understanding to bring about the ideals of co-operation in every phase of life for which we stand. This is one reason why we urge the formation of junior branches, that the farm boys and girls may, while still young, learn to work together, to co-operate, to act as leaders, to understand the principles of the farmers' movement; that we can then count on a continuous supply of thinking, able men and women rising out of the ranks of our organization, to take their places as leaders in what is going to be one of the greatest, most beneficial movements in the world."—Hon. Irene Parlby.

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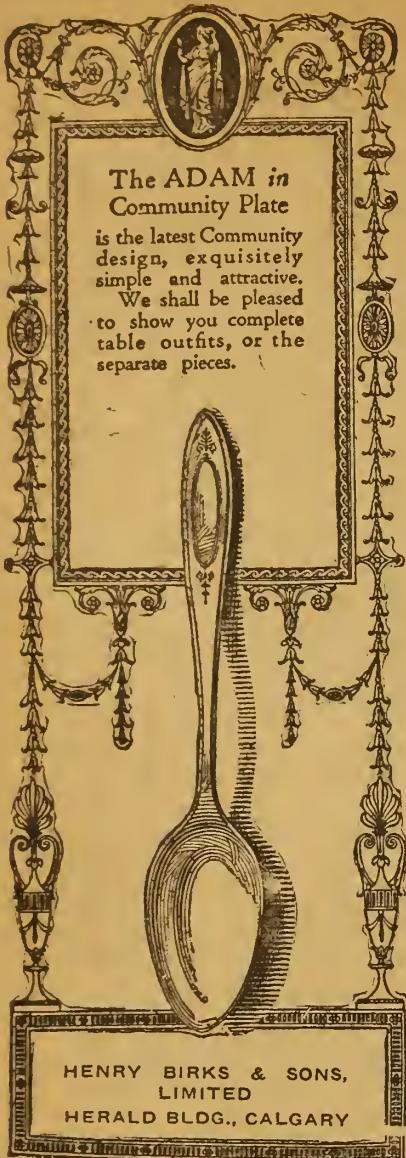
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ENERGETIC SIGN-UP CAMPAIGN FOR WHEAT POOL LAUNCHED IN SASKATCHEWAN (Continued from page 4)

The Board of the United Farmers of Manitoba have held important meetings to deal with this matter during the past few days. On August 21st, the Board were unanimous in their decision to proceed at once to secure a co-operative committee representing Manitoba, to inaugurate the organization, and to carry forward the activities necessary to participation with the other Provinces when a central selling agency is established. With this in view action was taken at once to form the committee.

The United Farmers of Manitoba decided on August 30th that it was impracticable for them to organize a wheat pool for this year, but that they would organize at once for 1924.

NECESSARY ACREAGE IN WHEAT POOL ALMOST ATTAINED— FINAL EFFORT NEEDED (Continued from page 1)

referred to by Mr. Buckley.

In answer to Mr. Milnes, Mr. Brownlee stated that as the contract was not effective until fifty per cent. of the acreage had been signed up, it was quite impossible to make definite arrangements for handling wheat, for financing, or to appoint a selling agent, until this acreage was obtained.

"I cannot say whether we will know before September 5th who will be manager of the Pool," Mr. Brownlee declared. "In this matter we have to work with the Saskatchewan Pool, as it is the present intention of the leaders of the two bodies to try and obtain one man to have control of the sale of the wheat of the two Pools. We realize that the ultimate success of the Pool depends largely upon what price the salesman of our wheat can obtain for the farmers.

"There are three things that must necessarily be accomplished before the Pool can function. They are: (1) The completion of arrangements for elevator accommodation; (2) The obtaining of a salesman for our wheat in whom we will have confidence; (3) The completion of arrangements for financing the Pool. This last question, I think, is the least difficult one."

Review of Developments

Action taken by the Wheat Pool Committee since the last issue of "The U.F.A." went to press will be well-known to a great majority of readers, but it may be of interest to review briefly a few of the developments. The Pool was incorporated under the name of "The Alberta Co-operative Wheat Producers, Ltd." in accordance with the provisions of the Co-operative Societies Act of Alberta, and the contract which the growers have signed is drawn up in the name of this company. Wheat growers throughout the Province have been made familiar with the terms of the contract.

Provisional Trustees

During the first three months the Pool will be carried on by a provisional Board of Trustees, seven in number, as required by the act. Of this Provisional Board, elected by the Committee of Seventeen, President H. W. Wood is chairman, and the other members are W. J. Jackman, Bremner; Stephen Lunn, Pincher Creek; Col. C. W. Robinson, Munson; C. C. Jensen, Magrath; L. Hutchinson, Duhamel; and Hans Lausen, Carseland. Mr. Hutchinson is a non-U.F.A. wheat grower, the others are all members of the U. F. A.

After three months a permanent Board of Trustees will be elected by the contract signers. The Board will consist of seven members, the Province being divided for the purposes of the election into seven districts. In each district the contract signers will elect annually, by post card ballot, ten delegates. These delegates will then meet and appoint a trustee, for a period of one year. Every trustee must be a wheat grower, must be resident of the district he represents, and must be a contract signer. It may be stated that every contract signer will be entitled to one vote only, irrespective of the acreage of wheat grown by him.

Resignations From Committee

The resignation from the Wheat Pool "Committee of Seventeen", which is in charge of the preliminary work of organization, of two non-U.F.A. members, O. N. Gilbert and E. S. Dorsey of Rockyford, took place shortly after the last issue was published. They gave as their reason for resignation the fact that the committee had not made arrangements for the acquirement of country elevators, or appointed a manager, prior to the signing of the contracts. In an interview on this question President Wood declared, "The question the farmers have got to decide is whether or not they wish to bind themselves together by a legal contract and thereby make co-operative marketing a possibility. The whole matter is up to the farmers. If they want a Pool they will sign the contracts and make it possible. If they do not want it they will refuse to sign, and drop the whole matter." Mr. Wood stated that as the formation of the Pool was contingent upon the signing of the requisite number of contracts, arrangements with elevator companies could not be completed, nor could a manager be appointed until these contracts had been signed. Negotiations, he intimated, would be continued during the progress of the drive.

Mr. McFarland's Decision

Following the resignations of Messrs. Gilbert and Dorsey, John I. McFarland, president and managing director of the Alberta Pacific Grain Company, who was one of the two representatives of the grain trade on the Committee of Seventeen, resigned on August 17th, in view of "disagreement with the Committee of Seventeen on some matters which I considered of great importance", and Mr. McFarland added, "in view of the further fact that as the committee had completed its labors by the appointment of the seven trustees, it therefore follows that my services on the committee are finished." This resignation followed the adoption of the contract, in the framing of which the committee had the advice of Hon. J. E. Brownlee, Hon. R. B. Bennett, K.C., and A. A. McGillivray, as well as of Aaron Sapiro. Mr. McFarland, in a letter to the press, said that there was no obligation on the part of the Pool to provide facilities to take care of the crop, and that "the farmers of the Province were to be asked to sign a binding contract disposing of their wheat for five years, without any arrangements having been made to deal with the basic principle of the whole system of co-operative marketing as outlined by Mr. Sapiro, and which in his opinion was vital to its success."

Plan "Absolutely Sound," Says Sapiro

In response to a wire Mr. Sapiro replied that "the present plan of immediate incorporation and campaign for signatures is absolutely sound. Please advise Mr. McFarland that it is impossible to make arrangements for elevators or

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financing or personnel before the sign-up campaign. . . On the elevators I recommend contracts for use with option of purchase, but no purchase at start. On financing I recommend arrangement for advance payments by loans from banks of approximately three-fourths of the present cash price in Alberta. On management I believe the committee on personnel should select an experienced man for general manager, and that technical men should be selected by the inter-Provincial pool to handle the selling and other technical problems for the three Provincial organizations. Deeply trust that seventy-five per cent. of the farmers of Alberta will sign the agreements and create an effective Pool. I know this will be the best thing they have ever conceived for Alberta."

PRAYER AND MR. PETERSON.

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cept the terrifying problem of over-production of wheat.

This problem he is dealing with in his own keen business-like way by praying "fervently" that a "miracle" may happen to prevent over-production from materializing. Mr. Wood evidently lost out by not pursuing this keen business-like method.

Mr. Peterson proceeds in his article to compare Mr. Wood's intelligence to that of a "fourteen-year-old child", favorably to the child, and blames Mr. Wood for not being frightened about over-production. He drags Mr. Sapiro in, apparently thinking that the co-operative marketing authority was coming to Alberta to sound the over-production alarm. Mr. Peterson concludes his tirade on over-production with the following sentence: "He (Mr. Wood) is the elected leader of the economic organization, which hitherto has been run more like a Sunday School convention than a business institution."

The fault of this particular Sunday School seems to be that it has not had sufficient "keen business sense" to pray fervently that a miracle might intervene to prevent the over-production of wheat. Is it possible that Mr. Peterson's fervent prayer may have had something to do with the hail and rust damage in Western Canada this year, and that it may yet bring on a devastating frost in Alberta. Who knows? And was Mr. Peterson responsible for the lean years of drought, grasshopper plague, etc.? If so, might it be suggested that he operate more generally, and less locally.

New U.F.A. Banking Arrangement Made

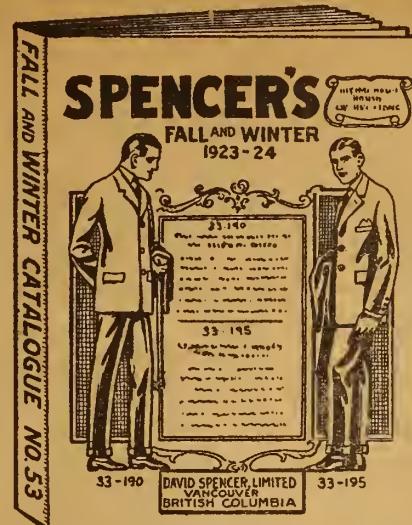
A meeting of the Central Executive was held in the Central Office, Calgary, Aug. 29th, at which new banking arrangements were effected with the West End Branch of the Royal Bank, Calgary, this being necessary on account of the suspension of the Home Bank in which the Central Office account had been kept ever since the Central Office was established in Calgary.

The meeting lasted one day and was occupied mainly by routine matters of business in connection with the administration of the Central Office.

The Vice-President and the Secretary, having been appointed a committee to investigate the possibility of effecting a co-operative plan of life insurance, made a report outlining an offer which had been made by one of the life assurance companies. The Executive decided to circulate a detailed memorandum to members of the full Board for their consideration.

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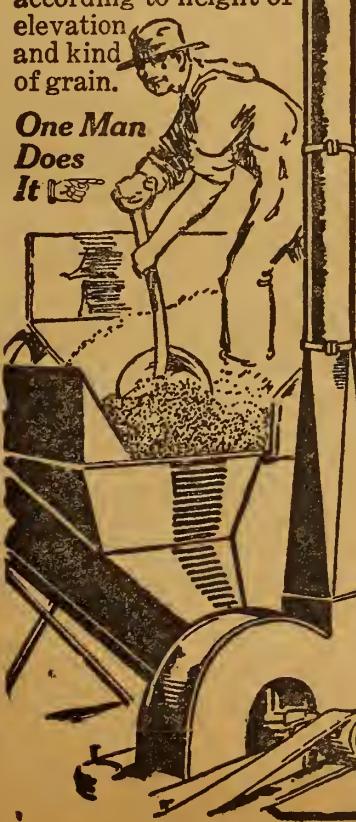
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Wheat Cutting Is Now General in This Province

Official Estimate for 1923 Is 142,955,000 Bushels Wheat, or 24 Bushels To the Acre

By C. G. Groff, Publicity Commissioner

EDMONTON, Aug. 30, 1923.—Crop conditions generally over the province are very favorable. In the southern districts wheat cutting is well advanced, in many districts it is more than half completed. Throughout the centre and north, cutting is now general. Severe storms have caused a great deal of lodging in heavy fields of oats and barley.

No Rust Reported

Up to the present the Department has had no reports of rust. A large number of samples of wheat have been sent to the University and to the Department, where rust has been suspected. In every case this has been proved to be either a root rot or a fungus disease known as *Helminthosporium*. When this disease is present, the stems of the straw will have occasional dark blotches and the chaff in the head will also be affected in the same manner. Where the head is attacked it will be found that there is a discoloration at the lower end of the kernel. If the disease has appeared early, as it has in some cases, the yield will undoubtedly be reduced.

Hail Damage Heavier

Damage from hail has been somewhat heavier than usual. Wheat, however, promises to grade well, and will make the largest yield per acre since 1916. Officials of the department have made a careful inspection of the Province. Combining reports of this inspection with reports received from a number of regular correspondents, the estimate of the wheat yield has been placed at 24 bushels to the acre.

An agreement has been finally reached between the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa and the Provincial Statistical Branch at Edmonton, whereby the acreage of wheat for this year has been placed at 5,956,461. On this basis it will be seen that Alberta is expected to harvest this fall a total wheat crop of 142,955,000 bushels.

Comparative figures are as follows:

Year	Acreage	Average Yield	Total bus.
1922	5,675,595	11.50	65,740,000
1923	5,956,461 (est.)	24.00	142,955,000

Oat Crop Heavy

The oat crop is uniformly heavy throughout the whole of the Province. On account of the lodged condition of a great deal of the crop, it is impossible to make an estimate of the yield. There is no doubt there will be some loss in harvesting, depending to some extent upon the weather for the next three weeks. A considerable proportion of the oats has been cut throughout the south and east territory and cutting has commenced through the centre and north during the present week. A large percentage of the crop will be cut for green feed on account of the lodged condition. The acreage on oats for all purposes is placed approximately at 4,500,000 acres.

Fall rye is practically all cut and will make a very light yield owing to the fact that it came through the winter in poor condition. The early spring being very dry in most places did not give the crop a good start. The acreage sown to fall rye during the present fall will be greatly reduced.

Barley is a heavier crop than usual but in many cases is lodged badly and will be difficult to harvest.

Harvest Labor

The Provincial Commissioner of Labor reports that the harvest labor situation is now well in hand, and that practically all the labor required will be available, although a slight shortage is reported in Southern Alberta.

FREIGHT RATES APPEAL.

The appeal of Alberta and British Columbia in connection with the differential in freight

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rates in the mountain territory was heard recently by the Dominion cabinet. The appeal was taken against the decision of the Railway Commission last year, when only 50 per cent. of the differential was removed.

The appeal was argued for the Provinces of British Columbia and Alberta by G. G. McGeer, K.C., of Vancouver, supported by Frank Ford, K.C., of Edmonton, and A. Chard, Freight Traffic Supervisor for the Alberta Government. An attentive hearing was given the appeal, which was very ably presented by counsel. In addition to the request for the removal of all of the mountain differential, Alberta supplemented the appeal by a request that the transcontinental rates to and from Eastern Canada and the United States be not higher than those applying from British Columbia to and from the same points, but the defense argued that this question had not been dealt with by the Railway Commission, and therefore could not properly be before the Dominion cabinet. The rates in question are lower to the coast than to Alberta points. This differential in rates has been defended by the railway companies as being compelled by water competition through the Panama Canal and American railway competition.

MINERAL RIGHTS ON FARM LANDS

The regulations governing mineral rights on farm lands, with special reference to oil rights, have recently been the subject of correspondence between U.F.A. Locals and the U.F.A. representatives at Ottawa, through the Central Office.

Under existing regulations all patents for surface rights issued have contained a clause reserving the mines and minerals to the Crown. In many cases the mineral rights are leased by persons other than the owners of the land, and in order to work their leases some surface rights must be secured.

The owner of the land is obliged to sell these, the price to be settled by arbitration if an agreement cannot be reached between himself and the lessee of the mineral rights. In this case the price set would probably be only the average price of farm land, and in some cases this would not be an adequate compensation for the cutting up of fields.

The suggestion was made that the Government should set aside a certain amount of the royalty and revenue from the oil and natural gas rights to the credit of the settlers who own the surface.

Minister's Reply

The reply of Hon. Charles Stewart, Minister of the Interior, to this suggestion, was as follows:

"I have your letter asking if it would be feasible for the Government to set aside a part of the royalty and revenue which is obtained from oil and gas rights and place it to the credit of the owner of the surface rights of the lands from which such royalty or revenue may have been derived.

"In former correspondence I intimated to you that the Dominion Lands Act has, for many years, contained a proviso that a homesteader does not obtain any right to the minerals when making entry. In many cases the mineral rights are granted under lease long before the surface rights are taken up, while in other cases a lease is issued subsequent to the granting of entry.

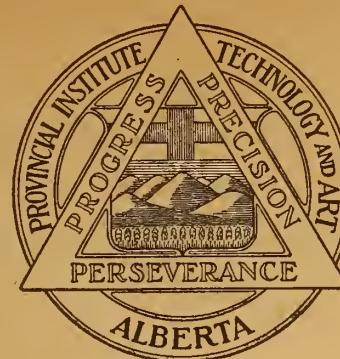
"There is no doubt but that, in the event of the discovery of oil or other mineral of economic value, the whole community immediately benefit and the owner of the surface of the land upon which the discovery is made will, in all probability, benefit to a greater degree as the surface rights immediately become more valuable."

ALBERTA COAL IN DEMAND

Reports from Ontario are to the effect that the trial shipments of Alberta coal being made to that Province under the special rate of \$7.00 a ton granted by the C.N.R., are in great demand in many centres, and there is a movement to appeal to the Federal Government to take up the matter of getting an extension of time on the special rate. Howard Stutchbury, Trade Commissioner of Alberta, is now in Ontario supervising the distribution of the special shipment of 6,000 tons.

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Since the beginning of 1923 hundreds of shares of the Home Bank have been sold by the president, H. J. Daly, according to a Toronto brokerage firm which claims to have made the sale. The shares were owned personally by Mr. Daly.

MARKETING AGENT

The Civil Service Commission of Canada recently invited applications for the position of Agricultural Produce Marketing Agent, closing dates for applications being August 30th. This is a new position under the Administrative Branch of the Dominion Department of Agriculture. The appointee will be located in England to represent the Department in promoting the export trade of Canadian Agricultural Products.

INDIAN CROP ESTIMATE

A cablegram received by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics from the Indian Director of Statistics at Calcutta reports that the final estimate of the production of wheat in India for the season 1922-23 is 369,284,000 bushels from 30,835,000 acres, as compared with 366,352,000 bushels from 28,234,000 acres in 1921-22, and with 344,587,000 bushels from 30,322,000 acres, the annual average for the five-year period 1916-20. The area now reported is therefore 9 p.c. more than for the season of 1921-22 and 1.7 p.c. more than for the five-year period 1916-20, whilst the yield is 1 p.c. above that of 1921-22 and 7 p.c. above the five-year average. The previous estimates placed this season's yield at 425,563,000 bushels (April 19) and 401,856,000 bushels (May 31).

The Railway Commission has dismissed the appeal of the Express Traffic Association of Canada for an order approving a form of release for empty cream cans left on station platforms. This appeal was opposed at sittings in Alberta, by A. Chard, for the Alberta Dairymen's Association and the United Farmers.

APPLIES FOR POWER RIGHTS

The Alberta Government took steps last week to obtain prior rights in the Spray Lake power development scheme, when a telegram was dispatched to Ottawa by the Government applying for a concession covering all the rights involved in the scheme. The action has been taken merely to see that the rights of the public are protected to the fullest extent. Spray Lake is 20 miles southeast of Banff, and has immense power development possibilities.

BUSINESS SYSTEM OF CO-OPERATIVES

Many promising co-operative marketing organizations have failed because of an inefficient office system. Without an adequate system of accounting, it is difficult to retain the confidence of the members, more especially those who are lukewarm at the beginning. Without the complete confidence of the members of the association there is little likelihood of success. Doubts and misgivings will often arise if members are disappointed in their returns. They are not in a position to follow closely conditions which may arise to cause fluctuations in prices, and in such instances the only hope for re-establishing confidence is in an accurately and clearly kept set of books and records.

According to the views of T. A. Benson, an official of the Poultry Division of the Live Stock Branch at Ottawa, as expressed in Bulletin No. 25 of the Department of Agriculture, the double entry system of book-keeping is the only system that is efficient. Single entry is unscientific, incomplete and falls down under every test. Two principal books only are really necessary for a complete record of the financial system—a journal and a ledger, although in some instances two journals are used—the "Bought Journal" and the "Sold Journal," and a separate Cash Book.

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business transactions in the order in which they occur, while in the ledger the same transactions are classified as to the respective accounts, making it possible to turn up any particular transaction at a moment's notice and ascertain at a glance the condition of any particular account.

CANADA'S DAIRY PRODUCTS

Alberta stands third in the list of Provinces in the matter of production of creamery butter, according to statistics produced by the Dominion Bureau. The following are the figures:

Province	Cr. Butter	Cheese
Prince Edward Island..	1,262,006	1,752,233
Nova Scotia	3,329,426	31,820
New Brunswick	1,224,930	926,052
Quebec	52,529,344	39,679,901
Ontario	51,613,070	92,709,283
Manitoba	10,559,601	102,354
Saskatchewan	8,901,144	12,448
Alberta	15,417,070	931,992
British Columbia	2,916,183	433,388

147,752,774 136,579,473

In 1922, Alberta had an investment in butter and cheese factories of \$2,781,074. The number employed was 872, and the creameries numbered 46. This year there are 69 creameries in operation.

"THE NEW AGE" AND "CREDIT POWER"

Reference was made in the last issue of "The U. F. A." to the circumstance that "The New Age", which has many subscribers in Canada, had been saved to independent journalism, and had been taken over by Arthur Brenton, editor of "Credit Power." For the benefit of old subscribers and others interested it may be stated that the address of "The New Age" is 38 Cursitor St. E.C. 4, London, England. The subscription is 30 shillings per annum. The annual subscription to "Credit Power", the monthly review of the credit reform movement, is \$1.50, and subscriptions may be forwarded through the U. F. A. Central Office.

A brief description of the best of the new varieties of grain that have resulted from his experiments and tests, is given by the Dominion Cerealist in his report for 1921, by which it would appear that, of the thirty varieties of spring wheat enumerated, one named Garnet Ottawa 652, a cross between Preston A and Riga M, stands at the head.

U. F. A. LEGAL DEPARTMENT

PURCHASE BY SCHOOL BOARD

Question. An agent came into the district last summer, selling furnaces for schools. He saw two of the trustees and the secretary-treasurer, separately, and got their signatures to a contract to purchase a furnace. The other trustee was not at home, and did not sign the contract, and there was no meeting. A meeting was called after the furnace arrived, at which the third trustee was not present. The meeting accepted the furnace and had it set up. The agent had told them that at the end of the year, if it were not satisfactory, the company would take it out. But the guarantee received later only promises that the furnace will work properly. The present school board are not satisfied with it. Will they be obliged to accept it? No money has been paid, nor notes signed.

Answer. It appears that the agreement first entered into by two of the trustees, without any meeting having been regularly called, and in the absence of the other trustee, would not have been binding upon the board, but might have been binding upon the two trustees personally who signed the agreement. Even they might not be bound, if it were a condition when they signed the agreement that it should not be binding until the other trustee signed it.

If, however, the subsequent meeting was regularly called, and they apparently accepted the furnace, and if, as it seems, the furnace has been in use since, under these circumstances we think the agreement would be binding on the board. It is impossible to say definitely whether the board is obliged to accept the furnace without examination of the contract that was signed.

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